

## 3 Days - Windhoek- Sossusvlei - Windhoek Camping Guided Safari

### Day 1

### Windhoek to Sossusvlei

This morning People Safaris will collect you from your various accommodation in Windhoek unless you arriving at Hosea Kutako International Airport. You then depart Windhoek in your safari vehicle with your private guide and drive southwest through the scenic Khomas Hochland highlands before heading down the Great Escarpment into the Namib Desert below, En route you will be stopping for a picnic lunch is had en route at a scenic location along the way. You arrive at Sesriem Camp in the mid afternoon, and you will stay here for two nights whilst you explore the remarkable sights of the Namib Desert with your guide. If there is still time today, your guide will take you to visit Sesriem Canyon, a nearby geological attraction, or explore Elim Dune. However, if you prefer, you can just relax and soak in the scenic and tranquil surroundings at Sesriem Campsite. Dinner is prepared on the open fire whilst you are on your leisure after a long travelling.

**Sesriem Canyon:** Sesriem Canyon has evolved through centuries of erosion by the Tsauchab River which has incised a narrow gorge about 1.5 km long and 30 meters deep into the surrounding conglomerates, exposing the varying layers of sedimentation deposited over millions of years. The shaded cool depths of the canyon allow pools of water to gather during the rainy season and remain for much of the year round. These pools were a vital source of water for early settlers who drew water for their livestock by knotting six (ses) lengths of rawhide thongs (riems) together, hence the canyon and surrounding area became known as Sesriem.



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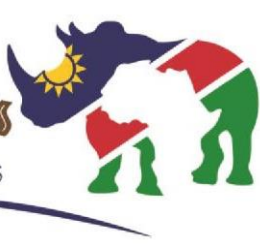
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**Sesriem Campsite:**

Sesriem campsite is in the heart of the Namib Naukluft Reserve. It is the gateway to some of the largest dunes in Namibia. Sesriem has been upgraded and offers a tranquil setting on the edge of Namib. You can view the dunes and beautiful landscapes from your campsite. The campsites are far apart and offer shared ablutions. The campsites are around camel thorn trees to provide some shelter during your stay in the camp. There is a restaurant and bar and a shop to stock up on supplies.

Sesriem campsite is very popular. This is from where you can have an early morning start and enter the road towards Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. Nothing beats an early morning sunrise of the Namib dunes. The campsite is the perfect location, and we recommend that you plan a minimum of two nights' stay at this camp. This will ensure you experience both sunrise and sunset over the Namib desert.



**Overnight at: Sesriem Campsite**  
**Day 2**

**Meals: Lunch, Dinner & PM Nature Drive**

**Sossusvlei**

This morning after an early wake-up call you will meet your guide at the camp fire for cup of coffee/tea and rusk before you off to Sossusvlei in the Namib Naukluft Park for Sossusvlei excursion with your guide, normally setting off before sunrise to enter the park at sunrise and capture the dunes at Dune 45 whilst the light is soft and shadows highlight the towering shapes and curves. Which is also your first stop on your way to the vlei. Sossusvlei area have some of the highest free-standing sand dunes in the world and your guide will give you more information of the Namib Desert and its fascinating creatures and plants that have adapted to survive this environment. Once you have explored Sossusvlei, Deadvlei and surrounding dunes you will enjoy your picnic brunch under the shade of camel thorn trees.

You return to the camp mid afternoon and you can have lunch en route. You return to the camp to have some time to relax during the heat of the day. Later in the afternoon you will meet with your guide at the vehicle for late afternoon



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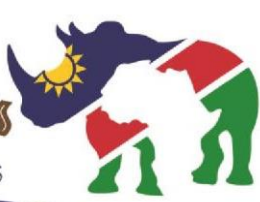
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scenic nature drive or walk to explore this vast and magnificent sundowner. You return to freshen up for your dinner prepared on an open camp fire by your guide. The Rest of the night is spent at your siesta.

**Sossusvlei:**

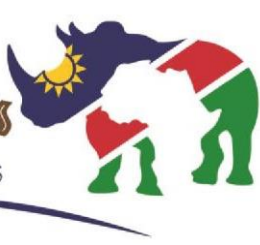
This most frequently visited section of the massive 50,000 km<sup>2</sup> Namib Naukluft National Park has become known as Sossusvlei, famous for its towering apricot coloured sand dunes which can be reached by following the Tsauchab River valley. Sossusvlei itself is actually a clay pan set amidst these star shaped dunes which stand up to 300 meters above the surrounding plains, ranking them among the tallest dunes on earth. The deathly white clay pan contrasts against the orange sands and forms the endpoint of the ephemeral Tsauchab River, within the interior of the Great Sand Sea. The river course rises south of the Naukluft Mountains in the Great Escarpment.

It penetrates the sand sea for some 55 km before it finally peters out at Sossusvlei, about the same distance from the Atlantic Ocean. Until the encroaching dunes blocked its course around 60,000 years ago, the Tsauchab River once reached the sea; as ephemeral rivers still do in the northern half of the Namib. Sand-locked pans to the west show where the river previously flowed to before dunes shifted its endpoint to where it currently gathers at Sossusvlei. Roughly once a decade rainfall over the catchment area is sufficient to bring the river down in flood and fill the pan. On such occasions the mirror images of dunes and camel thorn trees around the pan are reflected in the water. Sossusvlei is the biggest of four pans in the vicinity. Another, famous for its gnarled and ghostly camel thorn trees, is Deadvlei which can be reached on foot over 1 km of sand. Deadvlei's striking camel thorn trees, dead for want of water, still stand erect as they once grew. They survived until about 900 years ago when the sand sea finally blocked the river from occasionally flooding the pan.



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Overnight at: Sesriem Campsite

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner + Am Sossusvlei Excursion  
+ PM Nature Drive

Day 3:

Sossusvlei to Windhoek

After a leisurely breakfast this morning, you will depart from Sossusvlei to Windhoek, driving northeast up the Great Escarpment and through the scenic Khomas Hochland highlands.

On your way your guide will stop at solitaire and get you a sample of the apple pie that has made this homestead famous. You will arrive late afternoon, were your guide will drop you off at your accommodation or at Hosea Kutako International Airport to connect with your international flight were you also say your goodbyes to your guide.



**BON VOYAGE!!!**

Your Total Amount for the 3 days' safari:  
Per Person Sharing = NAD/ZAR 9 500.00

### INCLUDED / EXCLUDED

#### Includes:

- Camp Site
- Vehicle
- Tour Guide
- Activities & Entrance Fees as stated
- Meals as stated
- Camping Gear

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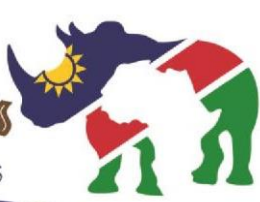


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### Excludes:

- Local and International flights
- All expenses of a personal nature
- Visa Fees
- Tips and Gratuities
- Personal insurance
- Toiletries
- Towel

### Travel Info

Namibia is situated in the South – Western corner of Africa and is a land of remarkable contrasts. Despite its size (four times the size of Great Britain), It is sparsely populated with an estimated population of 2.1 Million people. The small population is largely due to the arid conditions, with a national average rainfall of 270mm per year.

**Visa:** It is advisable to double –check visa requirements for your country of origin prior to travelling Visas are valid for up to three months from date of entry.

**Time Zone:** GMT+-2 in the summer (the first Sunday in September to the first Sunday in April);  
GMT+-1 in the winter (the first Sunday in April to the first Sunday in September)

**Electricity:** 220volts AC50hz

**Mobile Phones:** Mobile communication system is GSM, roaming agreements exist with most international mobile phone operators. Coverage is limited areas.

**Internet:** There are internet cafes situated throughout the country and most hospitality establishments offer an internet service.

**Shopping:** Windhoek and Swakopmund offer a selection of stylish shops. Local crafts are sold in specialized, shops, as well as at street markets, most shops are open from Monday to Saturday, with selected shops and street markets open daily.

**Money:** The Namibian Dollar (NAD: symbol N\$) is the country's official currency.it is equivalent to the South African Rand which is also legal tender in Namibia.

**Currency Exchange:** Traveller's cheques can be exchanged during normal banking hours at any of the commercial banks, or at bureau de change offices.



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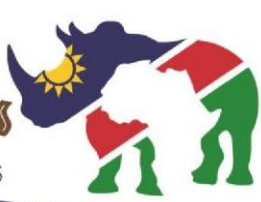
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**Credit Cards:** American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are accepted. Check with your credit/debit card company for details of merchant acceptability and other services which may be available. Credit cards are not usually accepted at petrol station. ATM's for cash withdrawal are readily available in all towns.

**Air Travel:** The National airline is Air Namibia, offering daily flights from Frankfurt to Windhoek. British Airways, South African Airways, Air Berlin and TAAG also fly to Namibia. Flying time from Frankfurt to Windhoek is 11 hours and flying time between Windhoek and Johannesburg/Cape Town is 2 hours. Departure taxes are levied but included in the ticket price.

**Air Charter:** Visitors pressed for time may opt to travel from A to B by air. Planes can be chartered from several reputable charter companies.

**Travelling by Road:** Namibia has approximately 5 450km of well-maintained tarred roads and 37 000km of gravel roads which differ in condition. Vehicles travel on the left-hand side of road. Self-drive visitors should exercise caution when driving on gravel roads. Do not exceed 80km/h.

**Car Hire:** All major international car rentals are represented in Namibia. Vehicles are available at the Airport and Windhoek city centre, as well as some of the other major centres. An International Driving Permit is required.

**What to Pack:** Namibia has typical semi-desert climate with hot days and cool nights. It is therefore advisable to include both summer and winter clothing.

**Checklist:** A small first aid kit, sunglasses, sun protection cream, a hat, moisturizing lotion and lip balm, comfortable walking shoes, a swimsuit, binoculars, toiletries, a small torch, travel insurance documents, and a telephone list (of family/friends/medical practitioner back home to contact in case of emergency) are recommended.

**Health:** Private medical care in major towns and cities is good, especially in Windhoek. There are several private clinics which maintain international standards. Most remote towns have a modest hospital or clinic.

**Vaccinations:** Take the usual precautions and consult your doctor. There are no mandatory vaccinations for travelers from Europe. The risk of contracting malaria is restricted mainly to the northern parts of the country and is usually limited to the wet summer months.

**Insurance:** It is advisable to take out foreign travel health insurance which includes cover for repatriation. When signing for insurance, ensure that the cost for emergency flights within Namibia is covered, as well as repatriation to your home country. Emergency air evacuation is generally reliable if all paperwork is available and in order. Ensure your contract and passport are easily accessible in case of an emergency.

**Weather:** The Namib Desert coastline is usually cool with a thick coastal fog. The country has summer rainfall. Summer temperatures are high while the nights are cool. Winter nights can be very cold, but days are generally pleasant. In summer (September to April) the average interior temperature ranges from 20-34C during the day. Temperatures above 40C are often recorded in the extreme north and south of the country. The coast has a relatively stable range of 15-25C. In Winter (April-September) temperatures in the interior range from 18-25C during the day and can drop to below freezing at night.

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